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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REPORT ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JUST DETENTION
INTERNATIONAL FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE
CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT PROGRAM**

SUBJECT

This letter serves as a progress report to the Board from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) negotiations with Just Detention International (JDI) for Consultant Services (Services) for the implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program (Program).

On November 6, 2014, a letter was submitted to the Board to provide advance notification that the Department intended to enter into negotiations for an Agreement (Agreement) with JDI without engaging in a competitive solicitation process. This report will update the Board on the progress of the negotiations with JDI on the provision of Services for the implementation of the Program, which will be fully funded by Grant Number 013-RP-BX-0019 (Grant) from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

BACKGROUND

The Department was awarded the Grant from the DOJ, OJP for the Program on September 30, 2013. On December 3, 2013, the Board approved and delegated authority to the Sheriff to execute the Agreement.

A Tradition of Service

On October 17, 2014, the Department received approval from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to utilize the sole source method to award a service contract to JDI.

On November 6, 2014, a letter was submitted to the Board to provide advance notification of the Department's intent to enter into negotiations for an Agreement with JDI without engaging in a competitive solicitation process.

Without further instruction from the Board to act otherwise, the Department opened negotiations with JDI in early December 2014. The Agreement with JDI for Services will be submitted to the Board for approval as soon as negotiations are completed, and the Agreement documents are finalized.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projected cost of the Agreement with JDI, for the term of two years, is estimated at \$217,220. The cost includes \$108,000 in consulting fees, and \$610 in travel expenses each year. The Department has identified funding in its operating budget for the Program. The Department will seek a 100 percent grant subvention from the DOJ, OJP under the Grant.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

JDI is the only organization on the west coast of the United States that is specifically dedicated to ending sexual abuse in detention facilities. JDI helped draft and secure passage of PREA in 2003, and worked to develop related state laws in California and Texas. Since then, JDI has played a key role in the implementation of these laws, especially in the development of the national standards mandated by PREA, which are the focus of this Program. JDI is the only local organization that meets the requirements to work with the Department on this Program, and is in a unique position to meet the requirements set forth in the Grant. Moreover, the very limited budget of the Grant allocated for travel expenses would make consideration for non-local contractors from the east coast or abroad impossible.

JDI currently works on several other Federally-funded projects related to addressing sexual abuse in detention facilities including several sole source agreements. JDI is the lead training and technical assistance provider for the National PREA Resource Center in the areas of victim services and inmate education. JDI provides technical assistance regarding policy development and audit preparedness. JDI has a cooperative agreement with the Office on Violence Against Women to develop and provide training and technical assistance programs for rape crisis centers to address the challenges of implementing sexual assault response teams in correctional facilities. JDI is the lead contractor on multiple BJA funded projects, which has established them as the premiere sexual assault subject-matter experts within county jails, police lockups, state prisons,

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and juvenile detention facilities. Project sites include the Los Angeles Police Department, and facilities in California, Colorado, New York, New Mexico, Oregon, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Washington.

JDI provides expert analysis, first-hand survivor accounts, training, and technical assistance to policymakers, corrections officials, and advocates nationwide. JDI works closely with state, county, and city corrections systems to help them implement the PREA standards. JDI's program in Miami-Dade County, Florida has become a national model for PREA implementation including the establishment of inmate peer education and sexual assault response teams inside a county jail system. In previous programs, JDI also mobilized allied organizations to work with detention systems and trained community-based service providers to address the needs of prisoner rape survivors. In addition, JDI worked with rape crisis centers, helping them develop partnerships with detention facilities to ensure that survivors of abuse get the care they need in the aftermath of an assault.

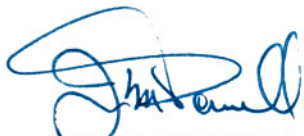
JDI is the only service provider that brings the depth of understanding of the PREA standards and the breadth of experience with complex corrections systems needed to help the Department meet the goals of the Program. JDI's Los Angeles headquarters building is strategically located within close proximity of the Department's facilities and offices, allowing valuable program resources to be focused on the Program rather than administrative expenses on travel.

CONCLUSION

The Department will continue with Sole Source Agreement negotiations with JDI. The finalized Agreement will be submitted to the Board for approval as soon as negotiations with JDI are complete.

Should you have any questions, please contact Contracts Manager Edmond Wong, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5294.

Sincerely,



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